

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, engaging creativity brings people together across cultural and political divides, so the arts help create and sustain healthy livable communities; and

WHEREAS, engaging creativity lays a foundation for healing and growth, so the arts nurture hope for a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, engaging creativity is a valued, fundamental component of learning for children, at-risk youth, and adults, whether in the classroom or in other settings in life, so the arts are essential to a quality education; and

WHEREAS, engaging creativity promotes growth in the business sector, so the business of art is a key element of a vigorous economy; and

WHEREAS, engaging creativity is essential to our existence, so is art necessary to create and sustain a healthy, optimistic, compassionate, aware and respectful society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2005 as

ARTS DAY

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in engaging creativity for Washington's future and celebrating the vitality of the arts in our state.

Signed this 28th day of January, 2005

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

